

- To: Members of the New York State Bar Association's House of Delegates
- From: Roger Juan Maldonado, President, New York City Bar Association

Neysa Alsina, Co-Chair, New York City Bar Association Task Force on Puerto Rico

Re: Agenda Item 9 – Report and Recommendations of the New York City Bar Association

Date: June 13, 2018

As fully discussed in the May 21, 2018 report of the New York City Bar Association's Task Force on Puerto Rico, included as Agenda Item 9 in materials for the June 16, 2018 House of Delegates ("HOD") meeting in Cooperstown, New York ("Jones Act Report"), the New York City Bar Association is requesting that the HOD support Congressional action that would permanently exempt Puerto Rico from the Jones Act. In addition to the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Legal Aid and the President's Committee on Access to Justice, and those organizations identified at Exhibit 1 of the Jones Act Report, the following bar associations have expressed support of this effort:

- 1. Amistad Long Island Black Bar Association
- 2. Arab American Bar Association
- 3. Asian American Bar Association of New York
- 4. Bronx County Bar Association
- 5. Dominican Bar Association
- 6. Haitian American Lawyers Association of New York
- 7. Latino Lawyers of Queens County
- 8. LGBT Bar Association of Greater New York
- 9. Long Island Hispanic Bar Association
- 10. Metropolitan Black Bar Association
- 11. National Lawyers Guild
- 12. Network of Bar Leaders\*
- 13. New York County Lawyers Association
- 14. Puerto Rican Bar Association

We look forward to presenting and discussing the Jones Act Report on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your consideration.